

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the disclosure because of a lack of a brief description of the drawings. By the above amendments, Applicant has inserted the necessary brief description of the figure.

In addition, claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 as indefinite. The Examiner has required replacement of the "characterized" language. Applicant has replaced "characterized" with "wherein", which should be acceptable.

The Examiner has also stated that the increasing and decreasing steps in Claim 3 are ambiguous. Applicant has separated Claim 3 into two claims and as such believes that there is no ambiguity present.

The Examiner has also required that, being a method, the claims be recited in active steps. Applicant has so amended to place active verbs therein.

The Examiner has pointed out the inconsistent use of terminology in the claims. Applicant has amended Claim 1 so that it now consistently refers to the "aqueous HA salt solution".

Claim 1, the Examiner has also pointed out the lack of antecedent basis for certain terms in Claim 1. Applicant has amended Claim 1 so that now there is provided antecedent basis for these terms.

In addition, Applicant has deleted a parenthetical statement in Claim 5 thereby rendering Claim 5 acceptable.


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The Examiner has stated that claims 1-5 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. Section 112 rejections. Such amendments have been done as set forth above. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the claims should now be allowable.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below listed number,

Respectfully submitted,



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